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## **Youth Council recommends allocating \$99,845 for city youth programming**

The members of the **City of Milwaukee Youth Council** made allocation recommendations at their meeting on Wednesday, October 25 after hearing from agencies that applied for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding to be used for programs and projects benefiting city youths.

The allocation recommendations were forwarded to the Common Council's Community and Economic Development Committee, and decisions were made after hearing 10 agencies' proposals.

The Youth Council had a total of \$99,845 in CDBG reprogramming funds available for allocation, and the allocation recommendations are as follows:

- **Neu Life Community Development** – Requesting \$20,000 for ARTREACH – an interactive creative arts program to instill a sense of awareness about human/sex trafficking in our community's youth and to empower them to become peer spokespersons.
- **United Community Center** – Requesting \$15,000 for Youth Volunteer Corps (YVC) – activities that include youth employment, career preparation, character development, and civic engagement and team work activities.
- **WestCare Wisconsin, Inc.** – Requesting \$20,000 for Live Li Hood – a year round initiative with activities including membership in the Youth Action Council (YAC), community outreach, job readiness, college readiness, reckless driving education and crime prevention training.

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## **CDBG funding/ADD ONE**

- **Wisconsin Community Services, Inc.** – Requesting \$29,845 for a year round At-Risk Youth Driver’s License Recovery initiative. Services include case management and civil court legal representation for youth who are experiencing active suspension and/or revocations to obtain or against a current Wisconsin Driver’s License.
- **Social Development Commission** – Requesting \$15,000 for a six-month program addressing mental health and ATODA in middle and high schools through monthly workshops. Partnerships with Hopkins Lloyd and North Division High School.

The Community and Economic Development Committee is expected to take up the allocation recommendations at its **Tuesday, November 14** meeting at **1:30 p.m.** in **room 301-B** at **City Hall, 200 E. Wells St.**

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